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April 6, 2011

Commission's Secretary

Office of the Secretary

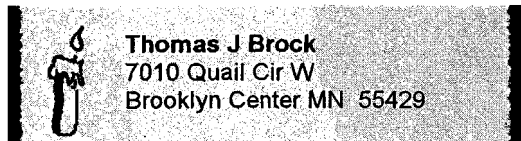
Federal Communications Commission

Attention: CGB Room 3-B431

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FCC Mail Room



RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED
CAPTIONING RULES

"The Pastor's Study" is a locally produced Christian television program (a non-news program) and we respectfully submit this petition requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements under Section 79.1 of the Commission's rule, 47 C.F.R. and 79.1. The Pastor's Study believes its program qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons:

1. It would be necessary to send the programs to an outside source for captioning. This would be a hardship and impact us significantly. We are a "shoe-string" operation staffed mostly by volunteers. We have had a cable TV show for years and now are expanding it to perhaps two broadcast TV stations and hence our need now for exemption. We do not have a budget but have received about \$50,000 in donations to do this expansion of which \$49,992 would go toward the costs of putting it on the air. If we are required to pay for closed captioning through an outside service that would entail approximately an additional \$6,000 per year which we do not have.
2. We inquired of a number of stations about their policy of helping us cover the closed captioning costs should we choose to broadcast with them, each replied negatively (see attachment).

Again, we respectfully request that "The Pastor's Study" be exempted from the closed captioning requirement. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. We may be reached at:

The Pastor's Study

7010 Quail Circle West

Minneapolis, Mn. 55430

763 260 4484

tbrock@hopelutheran-aflc.com

Thanks so much for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Pastor Tom Brock

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I, Tom Brock, solemnly
affirm that the statements I
have made in this application
to the FCC for closed captioning
exemption are true.

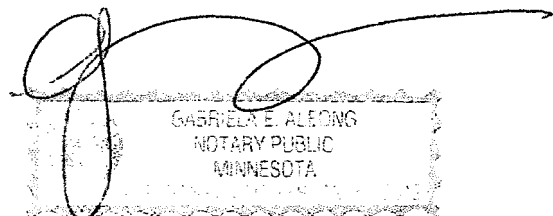
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Sincerely,

Tom Brock



May 6th 2011

Subject: KSFY Sioux Falls
Attachments:

From: Palmer, Vicki [mailto:vpalmer@ksfy.com] **Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2011

We do not cover the cost of close captioning for our clients.

Vicki Palmer

Sales Assistant KSFY Television 300 N Dakota Ave. Ste 100 Sioux Falls, SD 571

Subject: KBMY/KXMC
Minot, ND
Attachments:

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From: Julie Bernhardt [mailto:jbernhardt@kxnet.com] **Sent:**
Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:51 AM **To:** Kristi Kooima **Subject:** RE:
Paid Programming avails

Yes – we require closed captioning. And no – we will not allow to air without.

No, we will not help pay for the cost.

Steven Cunningham Christian Television Network Director of
Sales & Programming P.O. Box 6922 Clearwater, FL 33758-6922
Phone 727.535.5622 Fax 727.530.0085 Email:
scunningham@ctntv.net Web site: www.ctnonline.com

WDAY Fargo, ND

Attachments:

From: Folden, Jennifer [mailto:JFolden@wday.com] **Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2

Hi Kristi,

We cannot air a program with a pending application.

If the exception is granted it is only valid for one year and after that the church w

The station would not be willing to pay for the captioning.

Jennifer